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Market Share of BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the market share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has declined during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a Memorandum of Undertaking has been signed between BSNL and Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF); and

(d) if so, the details and the main objectives thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a)&(b) Market share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has been declining in Wireline sector over the last two years. However, market share in wireless and total subscriber base of BSNL has been increasing over the last two years. Market share of BSNL in last two years is as under:
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As on 31st March Wireline Wireless Market Share (Wireline +Wireless)
2015 61.71% 7.96% 9.36%
2016 58.52% 8.54% 9.59%
2017 56.1% 8.63% 9.63%
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(c) & (d) The details of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/Agreement signed between BSNL and Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) since 01.01.2015 are as follows:

(i) MoU dated 29.12.2015 regarding providing financial support for enhancement of Satellite Bandwidth in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(ii) Agreement dated 28.03.2017 regarding compensation for deficit incurred in operating the Rural Wireline Connections installed prior to 01.04.2002.

(iii) MoU dated 29.3.2017 regarding providing financial support for enhancement of Satellite Bandwidth in Lakshadweep.

(iv) MoU dated 15.05.2017 regarding creation of infrastructure for providing Mobile Services on the route of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

(v) Agreement dated 09.06.2017 regarding setting up of WiFi Hotspot at 25,000 Rural Telephone Exchanges.

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